



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Lori A. Crouch, Public Relations Manager

COPIES TO: City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Council Interests

DATE: November 13, 2015

I hope you all had a nice week. You will find information on several Council Interest items from the previous Council meetings.

Food Handlers Class – The Health Department provides these classes online or in person. The online classes are accessible through the Public Health's webpage located on the city's website. Classes are offered three times each week. One Monday morning and two on Thursday; one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Speeding concerns – The police department provided the following information on several roads that you recently inquired about.

Miller Store Road: This residential section of roadway has two lanes that is bordered by Azalea Garden Road to the north and Robin Hood Road to the south. There are no reports of complaints or the issuance of summons on this road; however, Azalea Garden Road (2300-6100 block) has received frequent complaints pertaining to speed. During the period beginning Jan 1, 2013 to the present, 388 total summons were issued on Azalea Garden Road. A total of 201 summons were issued at this location for speeding or reckless driving.

Robin Hood Road and Azalea Garden Road: Robin Hood Road is a secondary artery from Sewells Point Road to N. Military Highway that traverses through both residential and commercial areas. Since Jan 1, 2013, there have been 12 traffic summons issued; no summons for speeding and one for reckless driving. Currently, the residential section of roadway has speed bumps to moderate speed. Azalea Garden Road has been addressed in the Miller Store Road assessment.

Ocean Avenue and Bay Avenue: These roadways traverse a residential neighborhood and is a thoroughfare from Granby Street to the Naval Base. There is a high traffic volume in the early morning, lunchtime, and afternoon hours. During the period beginning Jan. 1, 2013 to the present, 182 summons were issued; 20 for speeding violations and 5 for reckless driving.



Willoughby Pump: Public works is currently designing a platform that will lift the pump approximately six feet off the ground. The structure should be complete by late summer 2016. The structure will allow Public Works to keep the pump in place versus moving it as we did in October. The pump was moved in order to prevent damaging a \$40,000 piece of equipment. The pump's purpose is to address flooding from precipitation. If we experience significant tidal flooding, similar to the October storms, we're pumping the bay which does nothing to alleviate flooding. If this situation occurs, the pump will be shut off.

Pretlow Library: Library staff are not aware of an increase in serious incidents in the past few months. Police patrols contribute to the safe environment. The police monitor the bus stop, park their vehicles in the parking lot and on streets adjacent to the building, walk through the building, and use the substation. Library security guards and custodial staff monitor the side entrances to the building and restroom activity and report anything out of the ordinary to library staff immediately.

Cruise Line Transportation: Staff has reviewed the shuttle delays which occurred on October 17th. At the time, 6,800 cruise ship passengers were embarking/debarking at the same time the Wine Festival was taking place in Town Point Park. Waterside Drive was also closed. Due to the Waterside Drive closure, festival foot traffic and cruise traffic congestion, the shuttle buses couldn't get in or out. Staff will improve coordination with Festevents so we can better prepare if a cruise ship arrival/departure coincides with an event at Town Point Park.

35th Street/Five Points Better Block Charrette reports: Included in your Council packet you will find the latest drafts of both the Five Points and 35th Street Better Block Charrette reports.

Planning Commission lunches: In light of the per diem provided to the Planning Commissioners, the Commissioners decided to take turns purchasing their lunches.

Water Bills: Since the issue arose with high bill concerns from 9 residents in Larchmont, we've inspected their meters and verified the customer accounts. Some of the homes had leaks. All issues have been resolved.